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Dear Ms. Henney,

As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) and an individual concerned with the health of people and the environment, I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to feed in order to promote growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. Deadly bacteria, once resistant to antibiotics, can be transmitted to humans from contaminated meat. This threat is real and is documented. The prophylactic use of antibiotics is also used to neutralize the repercussions of filthy living conditions. Modern, high density feed lots crowd thousands of animals into a very small living space. Waste accumulates in these lots and animals are cramped, stressed and often diseased. Raising animals in this fashion is unsanitary, unsafe, and incredibly cruel.

I support the petition filed by CSPI and encourage you to supporting legislation banning the use of antibiotics in animal feed.

Sincerely,

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